



Exeter Christian Reformed Church

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Sunday Aug 16, 2026

Worship: 10am

Pastor: Sara DeMoor

Musicians: Rachel, Peter

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Words of Welcome

* Call to Worship

* Song: **Here I Am to Worship LUYH # 567**

* God's Greeting

* Song: **Be Still for the Presence LUYH # 532**

God Renews us in His Grace

Payer of Confession & Assurance

Song: **Before the Throne of God Alone LUYH # 682**

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Message

Children's Song: **O God you are My God LUYH # 743**

Dismissal of Children 3–5-year-olds

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Message: "Identity in Christ"

* Song: **The Servant Song LUYH # 309**

God Calls Us to Respond with Prayers and Offerings

Announcements

Prayer of God's People

Offering: Sanctuary

Song **Instrumental**

God Sends Us Out to Serve with His Blessing

* God's Sending and Blessing

* Song: **Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow LUYH # 965**

* Indicates to please stand if you are able LUYH stands for Lift Up Your Hearts (the red song book in the pews)

Gathering for Worship

LARGE PRINT copies of the Lift Up Your Hearts hymn book are available for use during worship. They are located on the bookcase in the foyer next to the administrator's office. Large print copies of songs not in LUYH are available from the ushers.

Nursery and Sunday School programs will be available during the church service for those parents who wish their children to participate. We have classes for children aged 3 to 5. Children will be dismissed during the worship gathering. The Education Committee, Sunday School, and Nursery, with the support of Council, have developed a plan to safely care

Valet service - designed for worshippers with mobility challenges, valet service is available for free with advance arrangements. Simply drive your car up to the east door (under the car port) and one of our friendly drivers will meet you, help unload your mobility device and park your car for you! If you are interested, please contact Mike Buckman in church, by phone (519-236-7940), by text (519-630-7827), through Facebook or via email at michaelbuckman@hotmail.com

Upcoming Services:

<u>Aug 16:</u>	Sara DeMoor
<u>Aug 23:</u>	Walter Miedema
<u>Aug 30:</u>	Pastor Kevin TeBrake
<u>Sept 6:</u>	Pastor Jay (Lord's Supper)

Exeter CRC strives to be a healthy community. If you are feeling unwell in any way join our worship gathering on-line.

We continue to worship together as a community of God's people. **YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/3yYa4ze>



Exeter CRC is accessible for those with hearing impairment. If you are hard of hearing, please have an usher direct you to the sound booth for an assistive device.

From the Deacons

The offering this Sunday is Sanctuary

<u>Aug 23:</u>	Resonate Global Mission
<u>Aug 30:</u>	World Renew - Justice for All
<u>Sept 6:</u>	Fellowship of Christian Farmers

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The Deacons will collect your offering during the worship service. You can also respond with your offering by e-Transfer to ecrcgiving@gmail.com. Please state in the memo the cause(s) you are supporting. Coupons for the offering are available in the office; please ask one of the deacons for assistance if you are interested in buying coupons.

Common Plate A donation email has been set up for Common Plate it is as follows donations@Exetercommonplate.org



MemberCare⁺ is a free counselling program for Exeter CRC members provided through By Peaceful Waters. Please call **519-886-8577** or email mail@bypeacefulwaters.ca for more information.

Our Church Family

Calendar of Events: One of the features of our website is a calendar of meetings and events to help keep you up to date. Click on this [link](#) to have a look at everything happening at ECRC.

Vacation: Pastor Jay & family will be away from Aug 9-31. If there are any pastoral concerns, please reach out to your elder. If you are not sure who your elder is please reach out to Al Vanderlaan.

Cliff Knip has received a diagnosis of colon cancer. He is awaiting more tests as they decide the best way to move forward. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Dear Church Family: I just want to express my wholehearted thank you to everyone for making my recovery at home go so quickly. It's been almost 7 weeks of absolutely no weight on my ankle. Thank you for all the visits, meals that have come and shared at my table, text messages, and prayers. To my 6:00am Coffee Buddies who bring me coffee and have our coffee fellowship together at my place each morning. I feel very blessed and content. Hopefully, I will hear good news this week whether or not I can start putting minimal weight on my ankle again. Harry Knip

For those who have a prayer request or are sharing a thanksgiving, please feel free to include it on the church's Facebook page, or please contact your elder or the church office if you wish to include it in the bulletin or The Bridge App.

Exeter CRC Announcements

To our cherished Seniors: We see you, and we want you to know how important you are to our church family. Whether you need a ride to an appointment or to visit family, a warm meal, a companion for a walk, or just a friendly chat over coffee, **Our Senior Care Team is here for you!** Please reach out to Norma Vanderlaan, Lori Triebner, Bill Branderhorst, Marique Crossen, Laura Garritsen, Joanne Branderhorst or Melanie Buxton - we would love to connect with you!

Coffee Clean-up Volunteers: To ensure we can continue to enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service each Sunday morning. There is a request that starting in June those on the list for coffee also put the coffee and sugar and creamers out. There will be a list in the kitchen of the duties needed. Thank you for all those who serve in this capacity. Any question reach out to Leo or Harry.

Children Summer Sermon Note: While the children are not in Sunday School for the summer, we would like to encourage the children to take a Kids Sermon Notes sheet which will be at the back of the church along with a clip board. On this sheet there is opportunity for the children to either write or draw a picture of what the Pastor is preaching on.

Zurich Bean Festival is on Saturday August 22 and the Fellowship of Christian Farmers has a booth there from 8:00 to 5:30. We could use your help. What an opportunity to tell your neighbors about our Savior. We have an online training video, so don't be afraid to volunteer. Connect with Bert Visscher 519-808-5340

VBS & Community Breakfast: A Big thank you to everyone who supported VBS and Community Breakfast by volunteering your time, by your donations, and your help making the week so special for all the children in our community.

Collections for July 2026

Deacons	870	Indwell	50
World Renew Refugee Sunday	125	Exeter Food Bank	813
Family Outreach	798.77	Huron Hub for Newcomers	605.75
New Ground	872.55		
Total			4135.07

From the CRCNA and the Broader Community

SOCO Beach Project Update In this week's newsletter, read about how grief is not moving on, and check out the Ted Talk we watched. Would you help us reach our STRETCH goal of an additional \$5,000 for our summer fundraising? Newsletter link: <https://mailchi.mp/southcoastbeachproject/soco-update-august-13-8577298>

Groundwork: Hear God's Voice: A Warning Against Unbelief - When we feel weary and under pressure, the author of Hebrews urges us to hear God's voice and resist the temptation to drift away from our faith. Join Groundwork as we study Hebrews 3-4:13 to discover how history and community can help us hear God's voice, keep us securely anchored in our faith when we're tempted to drift, and find God's promised Sabbath rest. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Hymn Sing - Plans are underway for an evening of singing. September 20 at 7:00 pm in the Clinton Christian Reformed Church. Everyone welcome. A future announcement will come closer to the date.

This Week Aug 16-22 2026						
<u>Sunday</u> 10am Worship Live Streamed Sunday School ages 3-5	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u> Common Plate Meal 5:30 – 7:00 pm Precious Blood Catholic Church	<u>Wednesday</u> Elders Meeting @ 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting @ 7:30 pm	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>

	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30	Sept 6
Elder	Jake Zantingh	Adrian Bakelaar	Yvonne VanSoest	George Poortinga
Deacon	Marian, Cam	Teresa, Marian	Teresa, Dianne	Dianne, Anthony
Coffee Clean-Up	Gerard & Tanya Wibbina T Jean V ** Please note announcement	Gerben & Ria Betty & Clarence ** Please note announcement	Dan & Sheila Kevin & Kiera ** Please note announcement	Conner & Melissa Al & Norma ** Please note announcement
Greeters	Norma, Sam V.	Lori & Albert H.	Anne Z., Sandra N.	Jean, Wendy
Ushers	Tim, Leo	Sylvia, Yvonne	Colton, Adrian	Cliff, Cam
Children’s Message	Joan	Teresa	Sylvia	N/A
Nursery	Kevin Mulder, Ria Steenbeek, Alanna Nyman	Jolene deBoer, Joe Dykstra, Avery Poortinga	Marique Crossen, Leah Branderhorst, Avery Mulder	Norma Vanderlaan, Wilma Visscher, Avery Mulder
Sunday School	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Michelle Meinen, Avery P	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only Kassidy Heyink, Avery M	Sunday School for 3,4- & 5-year-olds only	Sunday School for all ages 3
Valet	Mike Zandwyk	Greg Langendyk	Tim DeWeerd	Bill Branderhorst
Tech Booth	(P) Clara (A) Job (V) Aaron	(P) Greg (A) Trevor (V) Tony	(P) Landon (A) Nathan (V) Dan	(P) Eli (A) Adrian (V) Gerard
Hall Monitor	Leo Weverink	Yvonne VanSoest	Adrian Bakelaar	Cam